



# SEAT PLEASANT NEWS

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## City of Seat Pleasant

### Mayor

Eugene W. Grant

### Council President

Kelly Porter

(At-Large Councilmember)

### Ward I Councilmember

Elenora Simms

### Ward II Councilmember

Aretha Stephenson

### Ward III Councilmember

Reveral Yeargin

### Ward IV Councilmember

Gerald Raynor

### Ward V Councilmember

Darrell Hardy

### At-Large Council member

Johnie L. Higgs, Sr.

### City Administrator

Vincent E. Jones

### Treasurer

Robert L. Ashton

### Chief of Police

Samuel Prue

### Director of Public Works

Johnny Thompson

### City Clerk

Dashaun Lanham



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

### Seat Pleasant Resident and Mother of the Mayor Martha Grant Recognized for 50 Years of Service to Veterans

**Seat Pleasant, MD** – On May 23, 2012, Ms. **Martha G. Grant** received long overdue recognition for her contribution and care over a 50 year span to Veterans through her work at the Washington, DC Veterans Administration Medical Center. Ms. Grant has helped Veterans with their appointments and guiding them through the long process of recovery. Ms. Grant is a model citizen who gives back to her community; she commented that her job is very rewarding because she gets to interact with the patients that come through the VA hospital system and gets to help them with their day to day issues. Her work ethic and devotion to helping others makes her stand out among the rest and the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence is proud to call her a native resident. Ms. **Grant** sets an example for people everywhere that hard work, dedication and giving back to others pays off and is how we should all strive to live.

“As the Mayor of Seat Pleasant and son of Ms. Grant, I am proud of her dedication and service to the men and women who have served our country.” Mayor Eugene W. Grant went on to say “Ms. Grant’s life is a testament to service and commitment to God, country, and community.”



Martha Grant

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK



The City Council has introduced the following legislations in the month of June.

### Resolution R-12-17

**Resolution** of the Council of the City of Seat Pleasant, Maryland awarding a contract for the purchase of one Code Enforcement Vehicle to Criswell Chevrolet, Inc.; Awarding a contract to Pelican Mobile Computers, Inc for the installation of vehicle and radio equipment, Exempting the purchase of the vehicles and vehicle equipment from the City's Competitive Bidding process in accordance with the City Code, Section 39-3; And Authorizing the City Administrator to sign contracts therefore.

### Resolution R-12-18

**Resolution** of Council of the City of Seat Pleasant selecting Kratos Infrastructure, LLC as the developer with whom the City will enter into a Public-Private Partnership for the Design Construction and Financing of the Re-development of the Feggans Center Property and surround properties to be named as the City Center.

### Ordinance O-12-17

**FOR** the purpose of amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget for the purchase of the Code Enforcement Vehicle and Equipment in the amount of \$33,335.

Copies of this legislation are available from the Office of the City Clerk at: City Hall 6301 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743-2125

## CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

In accordance with the City of Seat Pleasant City Charter, candidate applications and registered voter petitions, which shall include the names and signatures of at least 20 registered voters in the City of Seat Pleasant, must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk by **5:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Once voter qualifications have been verified, qualified candidates will be notified of certification to run for the petitioned office.

### Section C-610. Nominations

*Candidates for election to the office of Councilmember or Mayor shall file with the Board of Election Supervisors a petition signed by at least 20 registered voters of the City of Seat Pleasant at least sixty (60) days (including Sundays and holidays) prior to the date of such election. Such petition shall state (1) the name and address of the candidate, (2) the fact that such person is eligible for election to the office of Councilmember or Mayor and (3) that such person wishes his name placed on the ballot as candidate. Such petition shall be sworn to by the person filing same, both as to the fact of the candidate's eligibility and as to the genuineness of the signatures of such petition. No person shall be eligible for elective City public office who has not fulfilled the requirements of this section. No candidate shall file for election for more than one City public office at any one election.*

## A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT KELLY PORTER



For those of you who don't know, county citizens and residents in cars, station wagons, SUV's, XUV's and passenger vans are permitted to use the landfill, free of charge, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pickup trucks, trailers and cargo vans will be charged a \$10 minimum for disposing of 400 pounds or less of waste. Commercial vehicles will continue to be charged at the posted rate. Waste restrictions apply. Cash or Accounts Only – No Credit Cards or Checks. For more information, call 301-925-7625. Standard Rate is \$59/ton. Re-

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(A WORD FROM COUNCILMAN PORTER CONTINUED)

member you can also call Bates Trucking if you only have two bulk items that need to be picked up. However, you must call before 2 p.m. Tuesday for pickup on Wednesday.

The following events are being sponsored by the Tri-Area Civic Association which includes parts of Seat Pleasant. The events will be held in Booker T. Homes Park.

- Saturday – July 14 – Tri Area Family Day/Park Dedication 10:00 a.m. – Dusk
- Saturday – July 14-15 BNT Youth Basketball Tournament 10:00 a.m. – Dusk
- Saturday – Sunday – July 21-22 BNT Adult Basketball Tournament – 10:00 a.m. – Dusk
- Saturday, September 15, 2012 – Booker T. Homes “Ole Crew” Get Together – Donations \$20.00
- For more information call 301-350-0129 or 240-281-9833

## A WORD FROM COUNCILWOMAN ELENORA SIMMS

### PERSONAL SAFETY

This month, I would like to leave you with three simple rules of safety;

- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Stand tall and walk confidently.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!**



## A WORD FROM THE SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Here are the crime statistics for the City of Seat Pleasant for the month of May.

MARYLAND					
RETURN A - MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE					
01723 AGENCY IDENTIFIER		FORWARD BY 7TH DAY AFTER THE END OF EACH MONTH TO : CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION - UCR SECTION MARYLAND STATE POLICE, PIKESVILLE, MD 21208			
1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES (PART 1 OFFENSES)	2 OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE (INCLUDE UNFOUNDED AND ATTEMPTS) (A)	3 UNFOUNDED, I.E. FALSE OR BASELESS COMPLAINTS (B)	4 NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES (COLUMN 2 MINUS COLUMN 3) INCLUDE ATTEMPTS	5 TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS (Includes Column 6)	6 NUMBER OF CLEARANCES INVOLVING ONLY PERSONS UNDER 18
<b>1. Criminal Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
a. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	11				
b. Manslaughter by negligence	12				
<b>2. Forcible rape</b> <b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
a. Rape by force	20	0	0	0	0
b. Assault to rape attempts	21	0	0	0	0
<b>3. Robbery</b> <b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
a. Firearm	30	0	1	0	0
b. Knife or cutting instrument	31	0	0	0	0
c. Other dangerous weapon	32	0	0	0	0
d. Strong-arm (hands, fists, feet, etc.)	33	0	0	0	0
<b>4. Assault</b> <b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
a. Firearms	40	0	0	0	0
b. Knife or cutting instrument	41	0	0	0	0
c. Other dangerous weapon	42	0	0	0	0
d. Hands, fists, feet, etc. - aggravated	43	0	0	0	0
e. Hands, fists, feet, etc. - simple	44	0	0	0	0
<b>5. Breaking and Entering</b> <b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
a. Forcible entry	50	5	5	0	0
b. Unlawful entry - no force	51	0	0	0	0
c. Attempted forcible entry	52	0	0	0	0
<b>6. Larceny - Theft</b> <b>Total</b> (except Motor Vehicle Theft)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7. Motor Vehicle Theft</b> <b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
a. Autos	60	4	4	1	1
b. Trucks and Buses	70	0	0	0	0
c. Other Vehicles	71	1	1	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

## CHIEF PRUE RESIGNS AS POLICE CHIEF

Chief Samuel Prue resigned as Chief of Police for the City of Seat Pleasant effective June 5. In the interim Sergeant Jim Nolan, a Maryland State Trooper will serve as chief until the position is filled. A search is being conducted for his replacement. We wish Chief Prue well in his future endeavors.

## A WORD FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**What is the proper procedure for putting trash out and the proper container for trash to be placed in?**

**§ 129-12. RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS** [Added 4-14-1969 by Ord. No. 69-02]

A. All refuse; trash and garbage shall be placed in containers of not less than 10 or more than 20 gallon capacity. Refuse containers shall be provided by the owner or tenant and maintained in a leak proof and sanitary condition. No trash or garbage shall be placed in paper or cardboard containers. Containers shall be made of metal or of a type approved by The Mayor and Council and shall have tight-fitting lids. No container shall be too heavy to be manageable by one person.

B. Trash and garbage containers shall be placed at the curb for collection no earlier than darkness of the day before collection and must be removed to the rear of properties and out of public view by darkness on the day of collection.

C. Commercial establishments and multifamily residences of more than three units shall be exempt from Subsections A and B.1

D. Public trash receptacles shall be used exclusively for street litter.



### BULKY TRASH COLLECTION

All bulk trash is collected on Wednesday by appointment only. You must call Bates Trucking by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday to be placed on the list. (Call 301-773-2069) You are only allowed three (3) large items. Residents please note if you don't call on Tuesday then you should not put any items out. If items are placed out and you're not on the pickup list you will be fined. All items for pickup should be put out the night before. Any items that are placed out before dark the night before will receive a notice and can be fined.

**INSERT SCREENS**—During May 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup> every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, and food services are to be supplied with tightly fitting screens of not less 16 mesh per inch.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control- 301-780-7200

Bulk Trash- 301-773-2069

Charlie's Towing- 301-773-5818

Police Non Emergency- 301-352-1200

State Business License- 301-952-3330

Use and Occupancy Inspections- 301-883-6043

Zoning Complaints/Enforcement - 301-883-6130

County Code Enforcement Complaints- 301-883-6100



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**GO ELECTRONIC BY MARCH 1, 2013, PAPER CHECKS WILL NO LONGER BE DELIVERED**



**Prince George's County Office of Community Relations  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive #202 Upper Marlboro, MD. 20772  
301.952.4729 (main) 301.952.4244 (fax) [ocr@co.pg.md.us](mailto:ocr@co.pg.md.us) (e-mail)**



## A WORD FROM CPAC

### YOUR HOME BELONGS TO YOU



For many of us in Seat Pleasant, summer means fun in the sun and vacation time. The kids are out of school and it's time for outdoor activities like hosting barbecues, going to the park, and having fun at the beach. For criminals and predators, however, it is also a very active time of year. Law enforcement and security experts tell us from years of statistics and experience that criminals will **almost always** look for the easiest possible targets. In your home, they look for the easiest way to get in. A busted window or unlocked point of access will let them get in quickly. What can you do? Little things like keeping your porch light on and making sure there aren't tall bushes that someone can hide behind will help. Walk around your house or apartment and examine it to make sure there are no vulnerable points that law breakers can use to force their way inside. Fix broken windows, busted locks and any other

problems. Work with your neighbors to keep each other safe. A neighborhood watch group is a great way to show everyone that they are being watched and will not have an easy time on your block. When you leave your home, do you lock the doors and make sure the windows are closed ... every time? Even if you will not be gone for long during these summer months, it is important to thoroughly secure every part of your home. While we can't guarantee that no one will break into your home, following these simple tips can help you keep your house from being a target. Your home belongs to you.

Help us help you. If there's anything you'd like CPAC to discuss or resolve, please email us at [cpac.seatpleasant@live.com](mailto:cpac.seatpleasant@live.com). Let's keep Seat Pleasant safe!

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## A WORD FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### PEPCO WORKING IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

Pepco discovered a problem with a high-voltage transmission line that was placed last year in an area in front of City Hall. Transmission fluid was leaking in the line causing problems with the transmission line. Pepco determined that a pipe holding power cables was breached, allowing insulating fluid to leak out. Pepco has estimated that 3,500 gallons of fluid has leaked and so far is contained underground. Pepco has been working since May 11.

### PEPCO REPLACING UTILITY POLES

Pepco is replacing utility poles on Seat Pleasant Drive. Please be mindful that they will be working on replacing the poles and may have streets blocked during the installation of the new electrical poles while cutting trees and tree limbs back. They have already started replacing some on Addison Road. Please conform to all safety signs as these will ensure the safety of residents and workers.




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## A WORD FROM THE SEAT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT



On Monday March 24th, the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company held its first ever Emergency Medical Services (EMS) appreciation awards ceremony. The ceremony recognized members who have gone above and beyond the call to provide outstanding emergency medical service to the Seat Pleasant Area. The ceremony was also a great opportunity for the city to show its appreciation to the station, Mayor Eugene Grant presented a check for \$15,000. The "big winners" of the evening were Emergency Medical

Technicians Nicole Bennett and Marcus Jones who both received the 2012 Life Saving Award for their heroic

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efforts while volunteering their service. Residents also attended the ceremony and spoke about the excellent service they received from the volunteer EMT's. For more information on how to become a Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, contact the Departments recruitment staff at 240-706-7808 or [recruitment@seatpleasantfire.com](mailto:recruitment@seatpleasantfire.com). For more information on the awards ceremony contact the public Information line at 301-865-1957.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SEAT PLEASANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A Farmers Market is close to being a reality in Seat Pleasant. We working to open in Seat Pleasant this summer. Those who desire to vend, volunteer or just want more information should contact: Koko Barnes at the Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation, 301-324-2470.



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## BEAT THE HEAT!!!

We all know how hot and muggy it has been this summer—not unusual weather for Seat Pleasant, but this summer we have broken national records for the number of days it has been over 100 degrees! Many of us enjoy the summer months and warm weather, but this isn't warm weather—it is extreme heat that can cause health problems. Luckily health problems related to extreme heat are preventable.

People suffer from heat related illnesses when they are unable to cool themselves, which we normally do by sweating. When it is super hot and muggy though, sweating isn't enough and your body temperature can rise too high. Muggy conditions make it worse because sweat cannot evaporate quickly enough from your body. Those at highest risk for heat related problems are the elderly and very young and people who are mentally ill or living with a chronic disease. Other risk factors include obesity, fever, dehydration, sunburn, alcohol or prescription drug use and participating in intense physical activity during hot weather.



The best protective factor is to use air conditioning, but not everyone has it. If you do not have it, go somewhere with air-conditioning—the mall, a grocery store, the library, a movie theater or a friend's home. Another thing you can do to stay cool and beat the heat is to drink plenty of fluids (water is best), even if you do not feel thirsty. Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or lots of sugar because these drinks cause you to lose body fluid. Very cold drinks can cause stomach cramps, so cool drinks are best. If you usually have to limit how much fluid you drink or you are on water pills, ask your doctor what you should do during very hot weather.

Other things you can do to protect yourself include replacing salts and minerals, wearing lightweight loose fitting clothes, using sunscreen, doing outdoor activities in the early morning or evening when it is cooler and pacing yourself during very hot weather. Do not leave children or pets in cars (even for a minute), and if you are older, have a family member or friend call you during a heat wave twice a day to make certain you are okay. Follow these tips and beat the heat!

Sharon M. Desmond, Ph.D.

Co-Chair, Seat Pleasant University of Maryland Health Partnership  
Associate Professor, School of Public Health

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## ATTENTION RESIDENTS!



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SEAT PLEASANT CITY HALL 6301 ADDISON ROAD  
SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND OR ONLINE AT  
[www.christmasinaprilpg.org](http://www.christmasinaprilpg.org) AND MUST BE  
SUBMITTED TO:

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
7915 MALCOLM ROAD  
CLINTON, MD 20735  
**BY NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

**THIS PROGRAM IS FOR THE ELDERLY AND  
DISABLED TO PROVIDE HOME REPAIR SERVICES**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
301-808-0937.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WOULD  
LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL  
THOSE WHO GRADUATED THIS YEAR.

GREAT JOB!

